GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN TO POWER GRID CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved 250 million dollars to the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. for inter-State and inter-regional transmission system in the country;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken to utilize the loan by the Power Grid Corporation of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of loan provided by ADB and the projects on which this loan is to be spent and the projects which have been completed so far from this loan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : A direct loan of US$ 250 million has been approved by the ADB recently. The loan has become effective from 10th January, 2001. This loan would be utilized by POWERGRID for the following :

(i) Upgrading and expansion of 400 KV, 220 KV and 132 KV Transmission systemsfor transferring additional power, improving system reliability and enhancing efficient utilisation of power plants. The projects in this category include inter- regional link between Eastern and Western Regions, grid strengthening for Goa(Kolhapur-Mapusa Transmission System), grid strengthening for Southern Region and strengthening of inter-connection between India and Bangladesh.

(ii) Establishing 400 KV and 220 KV transmission systems for evacuation of powergenerated by the power stations of Central Power Utilities and Independent PowerProducers. The projects in this category include transmission systems associated with Kawas-II, Anta-II and Gandhar-II GBPPs, Ramagundam-III Project and Tala HEP.

The transmission projects will take about 2-3 years time for completion. POWERGRID has already placed awards for Kolhapur-Mapusa and East-West inter- connection. Since, this a sector loan, POWERGRID has the flexibility to utilize the loan proceeds for other projects also subject to the approval of ADB.